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TOWN AND COUNTRY

About Local People and Events and Other Matters of Interest

Regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors Friday afternoon.

A real value! 2 cans Early June Peas for 25 cents. Carothers & Allen.

Harry Landree took two cars of fat lambs to market Thursday evening.

Another bargain! Old Fashion Lye Hominy 10 cents the can. Carothers & Allen.

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. K. Dail, of route two, last Tuesday.

Fresh cinnamon rolls Saturday 10 for 10 cents. Don't forget this item in your order. Carothers & Allen.

The Reading Circle will meet next Tuesday evening with Mrs. A. J. Caywood, Mrs. Edith Moore, leader of the lesson.

You can add years to your life by eating whole wheat flour, Davis Whole Wheat flour in 10 lb. sacks 65 cents. Carothers & Allen.

Blue D Meal now 50 cents for an 8 1/4 lb. sack. This is undoubtedly the finest quality of meal you ever used. Carothers & Allen.

Grover Peacher has his address changed from route two to route three he having moved onto the West farm which he recently purchased.

You can't tell Glendale Oleo from the finest quality of butter if the two were put side by side. Conserve on this item, 35 cents the lb. Carothers & Allen.

Quality at a bargain price. 1 lb. package Morning Glory coffee for 25 cents. We guarantee this equal to any 30 cent value bought elsewhere. Carothers & Allen.

Joy rides are now being taken in sleighs instead of automobiles. Not for many years has sleighing been so good as now, but the trouble is there is not many sleighs ready for service.

Mrs. Liera Rauer, employed in the Leader office at Browning, got her right hand caught in the job press last week and so badly mashed that it was necessary to amputate all four fingers.

Get this! We will have an assortment of Campbell's package cakes Saturday. You can't bake them as cheap as we can sell them. Quality can't be beat. 15 cents each. Carothers & Allen.

The Bruner Red Cross will hold a miscellaneous sale at the Bruner school house on Friday evening of this week. Hot lunch will be served and everybody cordially invited. Proceeds for the benefit of the Red Cross.

R. W. Wilson was over from Brookfield Tuesday on business connected with his residence property vacated by Willis Stoddard removing to Brookfield. He rented the place to C. J. Griffith and the family moved into it Wednesday.

Railroad business is being hampered on this division by a shortage of water. The water train is kept constantly going between Brookfield and Locust creek but it cannot supply the needs at Brookfield. Engines are being coupled together in sections of a half dozen and taken to the water station on Locust creek for the tanks to be filled.

Report of Missionary Society

The Laclede auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church was organized in 1902 under the pastorate of Rev. Cox, with four members, namely, Mrs. Fannie McGrew, Mrs. J. R. Wells, Mrs. I. B. Siders and Mrs. J. H. Duckworth. The first three members named held the offices of president, treasurer and secretary, respectively. Our membership has gradually increased until we now have about thirty.

The pledge for membership is a prayer for the work and two cents a week. For several years we have contributed \$20 a year to Dr. Agnes Edmond's hospital in Chung Ching, China. We have also maintained four scholarships, \$20 each, in the girls' school in Vikarabad, India. This is the school of which Miss Elizabeth Wells has charge. Most of the girls in this institution have been taken from most miserable home surroundings. The records of the girls who have gone out from this school show that the \$20 a year, which is the amount required for the maintenance of a girl, has brought vast returns. Many of these girls have passed the government examinations successfully. Some of them have passed with high honors and we may be sure that no favors were shown them by the Mohammedan examination board. These same girls are now out working among their own people and are winning souls for Christ by the thousands.

We also contribute \$35 a year for the support of the missionaries in the Des Moines Branch.

Our annual thank offering of \$30 a year goes to the general work. This year a new work has been given to our branch. One of our schools in France has been turned into an orphanage for the children of those whose lives have been sacrificed in the present war, and our auxiliary has contributed to this work.

Besides our own money, the Epworth League has sent \$5 thru our auxiliary to Dr. Edmond's hospital. In addition to the money which we have given to the work of different divisions of the society, we sent a box to the girls' school in Vikarabad, India.

The total amount of money raised this year is approximately \$240. Under the leadership of our excellent president, Mrs. Bigger, we hope to do better next year. We wish to thank all those who have made it possible for us to carry on this work. We especially wish to thank those outside of the society who have contributed to our work.

MARY F. BURKE, Treasurer.

Spring Plowing in France

To increase France's crops and to lighten the burden of toil on her old men, women and children 1,500 farm tractors will go to that country from the United States. The first hundred are already on the way, and the whole number will be in France by March, in time for the spring plowing. Deck space was provided for the first shipment on a naval transport. Schools of instruction will be organized.

The acreage sown to crops in uninvaded portion of France in 1917 was about 10,000,000 acres less than in 1913, or 24.4 per cent. The increased production through the use of tractors this year is expected to greatly improve the food situation.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gould, who have been in Colorado the past few years, will return next month to make this place their home again, residing on the Gould farm just west of town. This is good news to their relatives and many friends here.

There is to be an adjourned meeting of the Modern Woodmen camp next Wednesday evening. Every member who can should attend this meeting that a full set of officers may be installed. One application for membership is also to be presented.

On account of the films for "A Slacker's Heart" being snowbound on a western road the show billed for the opera house on Thursday night of this week was cancelled. However, the program will be given at some future date as it is considered one of the best features to be had.

Speaking of the present mail service, the Daily Argus printed Friday afternoon reached Laclede Tuesday morning. Three days and four nights traveling five miles is certainly "going some" and equals the record of a letter mailed at Calvert, La., November 5, reaching this office twenty days later.

The late storm has reached pretty well into the southlands. A letter from the Benson family at Alamogordo, New Mexico, says it snowed all one day there last week but it soon disappeared, leaving more moisture on the ground than any other time during the winter.

Another Laclede boy has joined the colors. Roy W. Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Sharp of route three, who has been at Fairmont, Minn., the past year, writes to have the address of his BLADE changed to Fort Monroe, Va. He is a member of Battery B, 60th Reg. C. A. C.

Rev. James N. Crutcher of Kansas City is billed for a lecture at the Christian church next Monday night. Rev. Crutcher has been engaged in charity and social work for a number of years and his address will be supplemented with pictures of the state penal and charitable institutions.

The oldest newspaper we have ever had the opportunity of reading was a copy of the "Evangelical Magazine and Gospel Advocate," issued at Utica, N. Y., Friday, January, 10, 1840, just 78 years ago last Thursday. It is magazine form, eight pages, three columns to the page. Being a religious periodical it did not devote much space to the news of the day, its columns being filled with articles on religion. Among the list of weddings of the week however was that of the late Mrs. Catherine McLain, grandmother of Misses Cora and Cassie Heath who are preserving the paper among the family keepsakes. Mrs. McLain made her home here for many years, passing away at the Heath home several years ago. The paper was issued weekly at \$1.50 per year if paid in advance and when a subscriber was a year delinquent it took \$3.00 to square the account.

Service Flag Program

The service flag purchased by a committee from the M. E. church will be unfurled during an appropriate program to begin at the close of Sunday school at 10:30 next Sunday, January 20. The flag was received some time ago but on account of the severe weather the unveiling was delayed. The flag is 3x5 feet and contains 26 stars, 25 for the boys who have recently entered the service and a larger silk star for General Pershing.

The following program will be given:

Song, "Star Spangled Banner," school,
Salute to the flag.
Song, "America."
Vocal solo, Miss Winkelmyer.
Unveiling of flag.
Reading of honor roll,
Song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Another Christmas Box Heard From

Miss Edith Hamilton is in receipt of the following letter from Garland Duncan, Camp Pike, Ark., acknowledging receipt of the Christmas box sent by the ladies of the Red Cross:

"I received my Christmas box and certainly was glad to get it. It reminded me that the people of Laclede had not forgotten us, tho I had not forgotten the dear old town of Laclede. I hope and pray that this war will soon come to an end so I can be back with dear friends at Laclede. Well I thank the Red Cross for my box, and thank the Lord that there is such an institution as the Red Cross for without them lots of boys in my battery would not have gotten anything but as it was their hearts were filled with joy just the same as the rest of us. Will close wishing the Red Cross all the success that it can have."

Methodist Church Notes

T. E. Sisson, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:45; J. Paul Jones, superintendent.

Preaching at 11:00 by Dr. C. J. English, district superintendent.

Epworth League at 6:45.

At 7:30 the pastor will give the long deferred discourse on dancing.

Registrants Being Classified

According to a report in Tuesday's Linneus News 380 registrants had been classified by the local examining board up to that time. The questionnaire had not all been returned but were coming in on every mail and it would require some time yet before all were classified.

The following from this precinct were placed in class one: Ernest Lee Ausmus, Geo. L. Brenner, Carl A. Keune, Orvid W. Burnett, Fred L. Clinefelter, Lonnie L. Facto, Harold W. Sensintaffer, Wm. H. Bassett, Joseph W. Canterbury.

So far there are none from here in classes two, three and five.

The following are in class four: Ralph Eichman, John E. Marsh, Robert N. Dye, Grover F. Peacher, A. B. Henderson, Virgil Elliston, Marion H. Jones, Homer A. Wilson, Francis E. Drake, Carl Harris, Walter C. Stockwell, Joseph A. Dodd.

While out rabbit hunting with his son Tuesday near their home on route two Walter Hatfield had a close shave when a ball from a target rifle struck him on the upper lip, just below his nose, making a painful and quite ugly wound.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Mrs. Joseph Mathiasch, Jr. and son of Logansport, Ind., are here visiting Joseph Mathiasch and other relatives.

Mrs. C. B. Talbott and daughter, Miss Frances, returned home Monday from visiting over Sunday with relatives at Tina.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Burke went to Meadville Thursday for an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. A. C. Lippitt and family.

Mrs. Ida Davis, district deputy, has been in Carroll and Chariton counties the past week in the interest of the Royal Neighbor society.

Visit our store Saturday and get a slice of war bread. You want to begin acquiring a taste for it for its coming. Carothers & Allen.

Mrs. C. V. Jennings returned home Monday from spending several days with her father who is quite sick at his home near Browning.

Just the place for sleighing parties to go on Friday night of this week is to the Bruner school house where the Bruner Red Cross will hold a miscellaneous sale and serve hot lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Piggott of Forker and Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Weaver were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Aber Wednesday, the occasion being Mr. Aber's 57th birthday anniversary.

W. R. Kent of Osgood spent the first of the week here with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Knight. Mrs. Kent is here helping to care for her mother who is still quite ill with but slight improvement.

Mr. Wm. E. McKinize and Miss Clara E. Couch, both of Linneus, were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage in Laclede last Tuesday morning, Rev. R. L. Stratton officiating. The couple met here by appointment, the bride coming from Chicago where she had been for several months. They will reside on a farm near Linneus.

Hon. J. C. Green and K. M. Duncan of Browning were in town Monday and made THE BLADE a social call. Mr. Green was on his way to attend the funeral of a relative at Junction City, Kansas, while Mr. Duncan was going to Kansas City to attend a convention of farm implement dealers.

In a great many towns throughout the country business houses are closing each evening except Saturday from one to two hours earlier to conserve fuel and light. There has been no serious shortage of fuel in Laclede yet but it behooves everyone to be as saving as possible. A continuation of cold weather is making coal harder to get by the dealers and the supply may be cut off at any time.

In many places schools are being continued six days in the week that the same amount of work may be done and the term ended earlier so the boys may be free to engage in farm work as soon as the season opens. This seems to be a sensible thing to do in the face of a scarcity of labor of all kinds. The matter is being considered by the Laclede board but no action has yet been taken.